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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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Vernal, Utah 84078

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DIVISION OF  
OIL, GAS & MINING

UTAH DIVISION OF OIL GAS AND MINING  
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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84103-1203

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the site and facilities. If it is determined at some future time that it is no longer feasible to provide security and maintenance to the site and that no other suitable use can be determined, the part of the money remaining will be used to remove the facilities and reclaim the site.

The BLM would like very much to have the site used for purposes for which it was designed, but should that prove futile, is open to suggestions for other suitable uses.

A paved highway leads to the site which is located about 50 miles southeast of Vernal and on-site facilities include: a 22,000 square foot mine service building with offices, storage and warehouse space; a water treatment plant; a mine hoist and head frame; a declining primary mine access nearly one mile long which is 12.5 feet high and about 18 feet wide; an electrical switch gear building with a 13.9 KV capacity; and a retention dam 700 feet long and 64 feet high. The supplementary equipment to service all the forementioned facilities is for the most part in place and capable of functioning.

Tours can be arranged for businesses or firms having a genuine interest in use of the site facilities by contacting Paul Andrews, Bookcliffs Area Manager, at 789-1362.

VERNAL DISTRICT GRAZING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The Vernal District Grazing Advisory Board met on September 26, 1986. Dean Chew, a Representative At Large, was chosen as Board Chairperson. Paul McCoy, Diamond Mountain Cattle Representative was chosen as Vice-Chairperson. Other board members include: Floyd Cook, Diamond Mountain Sheep Representative, Meril Snow, Book Cliffs Cattle Representative, and Nick Theo, Book Cliffs Sheep Representative.

The Board made the following recommendations: 1) To send a letter recommending that Mormon Cricket research be included in the National Grasshopper/Cricket Research and Development Project; 2) Forward an Advisory Board recommendation supporting State Department of Agriculture request for \$100,000 Federal Funding to support State noxious weed program; 3 & 4) Prepare a subleasing summary and user maintenance report for future Board review; 5) Inform Richfield Grazing Advisory Board that local Loco-weed does not warrant participation in proposed research; 6) Involve Board in all proposed land exchanges affecting users; 7) Schedule development of 1987 projects in priority as approved; 8) Recommend that \$10,000 of Board funds go to FY 87 Land Treatment work and 9) Consider any Board or User recommendations in predator control actions with ADC.

Complete Grazing Advisory minutes may be obtained from the District.



RELEASE FOR  
FEDERAL OIL SHALE LEASE U-25918 and U-26194

1. This Release is made by the State of Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining ("DOGM"), and the United States of America, acting through the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of Interior ("BLM"), pursuant to the Agreement dated as of August 29, 1986 between and among the United States of America, acting through the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior ("BLM"), White River Shale Oil Corporation ("White River"), Phillips Petroleum Company ("Phillips"), Standard Oil Alternate Energy Development Company ("Standard Oil") and Sun Shale Oil Company ("Sun").
2. This Release is made in consideration of said Agreement and the obligations assumed herein by the BLM and shall be irrevocable and not subject to withdrawal, provided that it is expressly agreed to and acknowledged by the BLM, as evidenced by their signature below, that the BLM accepts all Claims and responsibilities for reclamation under Oil Shale Lease U-25918 and Oil Shale Lease U-26194, together with the Oil Shale Lease Environmental Stipulations attached thereto.
3. The DOGM hereby extinguishes, discharges, releases, waives, and abandons all Claims (as hereinafter defined) against and as to White River, Phillips, Standard Oil or Sun which relate to, arise out of, or are based upon the terms, conditions, requirements and prohibitions imposed upon the Lessee, or upon Lessee's agents, employees, contractors and representatives, under Oil Shale Lease U-25918 and Oil Shale Lease U-26194, together with the Oil Shale Lease Environmental Stipulations attached thereto. As used herein, the term Claims means all claims and causes of actions and any other actions or assessments for money or other property (as damages, either direct or indirect, or for restitution, contribution or otherwise) or for specific performance or other equitable relief, whether now existing or arising in the future, at common law or in constitution, or otherwise, and whether known or unknown.
4. The BLM hereby releases DOGM from any and all reclamation responsibilities, and DOGM in addition, hereby releases White River, Phillips, Standard Oil and Sun from any and all requirements to continue in effect any existing bonds to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of said Oil Shale Leases and Utah Code Annotated, Section 40-8 et seq. (1953, as amended), including reclamation, consisting of but not limited to:

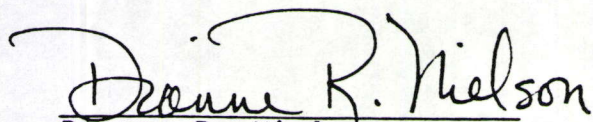


1. Insurance Company of North America  
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2. Insurance Company of North America  
Oil Shale Lease Operations Bond No. K00683449-L86
3. Insurance Company of North America  
Oil Shale Lease Compliance Bond No. K00683449-A-143
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Oil Shale Lease Operations Bond No. 80664398
5. Federal Insurance Company  
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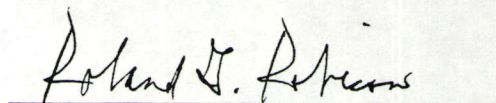
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement is executed this 27th day of August, 1986.

STATE OF UTAH  
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

  
Dianne R. Nielson  
Director

Department of Natural Resources

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Bureau of Land Management

  
Roland G. Robison  
State Director

  
Dee C. Hansen  
Executive Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Mark C. Moench  
Assistant Attorney General



EXHIBIT A  
RELEASE OF CLAIMS

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Dated: SEP 29 1986

United States of America, acting  
through the Bureau of Land Management  
of the United States  
Department of the Interior

By: *Roland G. Robison*  
Roland G.. Robison  
Utah State Director



ACT  
FILE UPDATE

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FILE NO.: ACT 1047/017 DATE: May 15, 1986  
OPERATOR: White River Shale Oil Corp COMMODITY: oil shale  
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 790040 MINE NAME: White River Shale Project  
Vernal, UT 84079 T. 10S R. 24 County Uintah  
REPRESENTATIVE: Mr Robert N. Pratt Sec.(s): 10-14, 17-20, 23-24, 28  
TELEPHONE: 363-1170 LEASE OR CLAIM NO.:  
LAND OWNERSHIP: BLM MINERAL OWNERSHIP: BLM

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MR-1 FORM RECEIVED: 05/04/1982 TENTATIVE APPROVAL: Nov 19, 1982  
INITIAL REVIEW COMPLETED: 6/30/82 FINAL APPROVAL: Feb. 18, 1983  
BOND ESTIMATE: 4,650,707 08/09/85 BOND RECEIVED: 3/1/85 4,400,000

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LAST SITE INSPECTION: 6/1/83 documented.  
LAST SITE PHOTOGRAPHY: 10/20/83 - inspection not documented.

STATUS OF OPERATION:  
Reclamation of construction dump (2.3 acres) was completed. BLM lease has been  
relinquished, therefore no future disturbance is anticipated. No notification of the reclamation of the  
rest of the mine disturbance.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:  
1986 site survey to document current status of reclamation success of the  
construction dump - evaluate site for final reclamation. Total disturbance = 161 ac  
Proven Problem on road cut slopes, evaluator asked to warrant reseeding.

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ANNUAL REPORT RECEIVED: 03/24/86 / 1985 Progress Report for the  
environmental programs review Jun 02, 1986

PREPARED BY: James S. Leatherwood

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